

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the specification

Applicants have amended the specification to identify former SEQ ID NOS:25 and 28 as SEQ ID NO:24. Applicants have also amended the specification to identify former SEQ ID NOS:30 and 31 as SEQ ID NO:27. Finally, Applicants have amended the specification to identify former SEQ ID NO:40 as SEQ ID NO:39. These corrections were made to comply with WIPO Standard ST.25, in which a single amino acid sequence should correspond with a single SEQ ID NO. Accordingly, Applicants believe the application is in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825.

Sequence listing

Applicants have corrected the sequence listing to properly remove duplicative sequences, SEQ ID NOS:25, 28, 30, 31, and 40, in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.25. Applicants have also corrected SEQ ID NO:9, which was missing a guanine nucleotide at the 5' terminus of the sequence. Support for this correction can be found in Figure 2 of the specification as originally filed. Finally, Applicants have also corrected SEQ ID NO:46, in which residue 4 had incorrectly been identified as two residues, Glu and Asn, rather than Xaa, where Xaa is either Glu or Asn. Support for this correction can be found in Table 5, which begins at page 27 of the specification as originally filed. As such, Applicants submit that no new matter has been added in this amendment.

The computer readable form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing, submitted November 12, 2003, is herewith replaced by the accompanying substitute computer readable form (CRF). Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. The above named sequences, SEQ ID NOS:1-71, are provided in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the computer readable form.

The information contained in the computer readable form was prepared through the use of the software program "Patent-In 3.5" and is identical to that of the paper copy. This amendment contains no new matter.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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